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SUBJ: PERSIAN GULF SOURCE FOR JP-5 FUEL

REF: STATE 285061

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF JP-5 FUEL SUPPLY FOR U.S. NAVY WITH DR. PARVIZ MINA, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, NIOC. MINA SAID THAT WHILE JP-5 IS PRODUCED BY NIOC, DEMAND IS VERY HEAVY. FIRST PRIORITY FOR JP-5 IS FOR IRAN'S INTERNAL REQUIREMENTS (E.G., AIR FORCE; INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES) AND QUANTITIES REMAINING AFTER SATISFYING DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS ARE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP BY CONSORTIUM. HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT ONE OR MORE MEMBER COMPANIES OF CONSORTIUM MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY JP-5 TO U.S. NAVY BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HE COULD NOT COMMIT CONSORTIUM ON THIS POINT. HE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO MAKE INQUIRIES AND LET EMBASSY KNOW. HE SAID ALSO THAT HE WOULD INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF NIOC DIRECT SALE SINCE QUANTITIES INVOLVED (150,000 - 250,000) NOT LARGE BUT COULD  
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NOT BE OPTIMISTICMGN THIS POINT.

2. ASSUMING SOME SORT OF REPLY FROM DR. MINA UPON WHICH EMBASSY CAN PROCEED FURTHER RE IRANIAN PERSIAN GULF SOURCE FOR JP-5 FUEL, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A) WOULD DELIVERY OF 150,000 - 250,000 BARRELS OF JP-5 BE TAKEN ALL AT ONCE OR WOULD THERE BE SEVERAL DELIVERIES?
- B) IF SEVERAL DELIVERIES, ABOUT HOW MANY?
- C) OVER WHAT PERIOD OF TIME WOULD NAVY WISH TO ACCEPT DELIVERY AND BEGINNING WHEN?
- D) IF NIOC DIRECT SALE IS NOT POSSIBLE, WOULD NAVY BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACT WITH ONE OF CONSORTIUM COMPANIES?

3. FYI, DELIVERY OF ALL IRAN'S REFINED PRODUCTS IS MADE AT PORT OF MAHSHAHR (FORMERLY BANDAR MASHAR).

4. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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